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IMS Health Inc. (RX) on Wednesday said its third-quarter profit fell 18%, hurt by a tax provision, while its sales climbed on solid gains for its health-care market information.

IMS reported net income of \$57.1 million, or 29 cents a share, down from net income of \$69.3 million, or 34 cents a share, in last year's same period.

IMS, of Norwalk, Conn., said revenue rose 12% to \$538.8 million.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had expected, on average, earnings of 40 cents a share and revenue of \$532.7 million.

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